

REPORT OF THE AUDITOR OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS AUDIT EXAMINATION OF THE LYON COUNTY FISCAL COURT

Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2001

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

AUDIT EXAMINATION OF THE LYON COUNTY FISCAL COURT

Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2001

The Auditor of Public Accounts has completed the Lyon County Fiscal Court audit for fiscal year ended June 30, 2001. We have issued an unqualified opinion on the financial statements taken as a whole. Based upon the audit work performed, the financial statements are presented fairly in all material respects.

Financial Condition:

Cash balances decreased by \$267,098 from the beginning of the year, resulting in a cash surplus of \$1,185,561 as of June 30, 2001.

Debt Obligations:

Total bonded debt principal as of June 30, 2001, was \$5,025,000. Future collections of \$7,425,590 are needed over the next 20 years to pay all bonded debt principal and interest.

Capital lease principal agreements totaled \$2,013,000 as of June 30, 2001. Future principal and interest payments of \$3,358,733 are needed to meet these obligations.

Deposits:

The fiscal court's deposits were insured and collateralized by bank securities or bonds.

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To the People of Kentucky
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Independent Auditor's Report

We have audited the accompanying statement of assets, liabilities, and fund balances arising from cash transactions of Lyon County, Kentucky, as of June 30, 2001, and the related statement of cash receipts, cash disbursements, and changes in cash balances for the year then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Lyon County Fiscal Court. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, and the Audit Guide for Fiscal Court Audits issued by the Auditor of Public Accounts, Commonwealth of Kentucky. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

As described in Note 1, Lyon County, Kentucky, prepares its financial statements on a prescribed basis of accounting that demonstrates compliance with the modified cash basis and laws of Kentucky, which is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the Untied States of America. The modified cash basis accounting system does not require an entity to maintain a general fixed asset group or a general long-term debt group of accounts.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the assets, liabilities, and fund balances arising primarily from cash transactions as of June 30, 2001 of Lyon County, Kentucky, and the revenues received and expenditures paid for the year then ended, in conformity with the modified cash basis of accounting.

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In accordance with <u>Government Auditing Standards</u>, we have also issued our report dated March 28, 2002 on our consideration of Lyon County, Kentucky's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grants. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with <u>Government Auditing Standards</u> and should be read in conjunction with this report in considering the results of our audit.

The accompanying financial information listed as supporting schedules in the table of contents is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements of Lyon County, Kentucky. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.

Respectfully submitted,

Edward B. Hatchett, Jr. Auditor of Public Accounts

Audit fieldwork completed - March 28, 2002

LYON COUNTY OFFICIALS

Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2001

Fiscal Court Members:

James D. Lee County Judge/Executive

Charles Ferguson Magistrate
Steve Cruce Magistrate
Buddy Nichols Magistrate

Other Elected Officials:

Lindell Choat County Attorney

Hank O'Bryan Jailer

Sarah Defew County Clerk

Jimmy Campbell Circuit Court Clerk

P. Kent Murphy Sheriff

Janice Banister Property Valuation Administrator

Ronnie Patton Coroner

Appointed Personnel:

Denise Sutton County Treasurer
Amy Penn Finance Officer



STATEMENT OF ASSETS, LIABILITIES, AND FUND BALANCES ARISING FROM CASH TRANSACTIONS

1,040,000

LYON COUNTY STATEMENT OF ASSETS, LIABILITIES, AND FUND BALANCES ARISING FROM CASH TRANSACTIONS

June 30, 2001

Assets and Other Resources			
<u>Assets</u>			
General Fund Type			
General Fund: Cash	\$ 391,166		
Road and Bridge Fund:	,		
Cash	149,476		
Jail Fund:			
Cash	91		
Local Government Economic Assistance Fund:	116 125		
Cash Payroll Revolving Account - Cash	116,135 19,460	\$	676,328
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Special Revenue Fund Type			
911 Fund:			
Cash	\$ 63,459		
HB 577 Fund:			
Cash	29,398		
Poor Farm Fund:			
Cash	 34,737		127,594
Debt Service Fund Type			
Public Properties Corporation Debt Service Fund:			
Cash			401,099
			.01,0>>
Other Resources			
General Fund Type			
General Fund:			
Amounts to be Provided in Future Years for Capital			
Lease Obligations - Waterline Principal Payments (Note 5)			98,000
Road Fund:			
Amounts to be Provided in Future Years for Capital			

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

Lease Obligations - Road Construction Principal Payments (Note 5)

LYON COUNTY STATEMENT OF ASSETS, LIABILITIES, AND FUND BALANCES ARISING FROM CASH TRANSACTIONS June 30, 2001 (Continued)

Total Assets and Other Resources (Continued)

Other Resources

Debt Service Fund Type

Public Properties Corporation Debt Service Fund:

Amounts to be Provided in Future Years for

Bond Principal Payments (Note 5) \$ 4,623,901

Amounts to be Provided in Future Years for

Capital Lease Principal Payments (Note 5) 875,000 \$ 5,498,901

Total Assets and Other Resources \$ 7,841,922

<u>Liabilities and Fund Balances</u>

Liabilities

General Fund Type

General Fund:

Capital Lease Principal Payments (Note 5) \$ 98,000

Road and Bridge Fund:

Capital Lease Principal Payments (Note 5) 1,040,000

Payroll Revolving Account 19,460 \$ 1,157,460

Debt Service Fund Type

Public Properties Corporation Fund:

Bond Principal Payments (Note 5) \$ 5,025,000

Capital Lease Principal Payments (Note 5) 875,000 5,900,000

LYON COUNTY STATEMENT OF ASSETS, LIABILITIES, AND FUND BALANCES ARISING FROM CASH TRANSACTIONS June 30, 2001 (Continued)

Liabilities and Fund Balances (Continued)

Fund Balances

Unreserved:

General Fund Type

General Fund Road and Bridge Fund Jail Fund Local Government Economic Assistance Fund	\$ 391,166 149,476 91 116,135	\$ 656,868
Special Revenue Fund Type		
911 Fund HB 577 Fund Poor Farm Fund	\$ 63,459 29,398 34,737	127,594
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances		\$ 7,841,922

STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, CASH DISBURSEMENTS, AND CHANGES IN CASH BALANCES

LYON COUNTY STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, CASH DISBURSEMENTS, AND CHANGES IN CASH BALANCES

Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2001

General	Fund '	Tyma
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	(M	Totals emorandum	General		Road and Bridge		
Cash Receipts		Only)	Fund	Fund		Jail Fund	
Schedule of Operating Revenue Transfers In Kentucky Advance Revenue Program Public Properties Corporation:	\$	2,070,922 269,121 423,000	\$ 1,203,497 83,285 423,000	\$	614,188	\$	61,778 73,100
Construction Fund Interest Debt Service Fund Interest Debt Service Fund - Administrative		13,261 17,734					
Office of Courts Lease Payment		248,713					
Total Cash Receipts	\$	3,042,751	\$ 1,709,782	\$	614,188	\$	134,878
Cash Disbursements							
Comparative Schedule of Final Budget and Budgeted Expenditures Public Properties Corporation Construction Costs	\$	1,857,646 357,757	\$ 1,093,079	\$	483,225	\$	134,843
Bond Principal Payment Transfers Out		386,325 269,121	73,100		66,282		
Capital Lease Principal Paid Kentucky Advance Revenue Program		16,000	4,000		12,000		
Repaid		423,000	 423,000				
Total Cash Disbursements	\$	3,309,849	\$ 1,593,179	\$	561,507	\$	134,843
Excess (Deficiency) of Cash Receipts Over (Under) Cash Disbursements Cash Balance - July 1, 2000	\$	(267,098) 1,452,659	\$ 116,603 274,563	\$	52,681 96,795	\$	35 56
Cash Balance - June 30, 2001	\$	1,185,561	\$ 391,166	\$	149,476	\$	91

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

LYON COUNTY STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, CASH DISBURSEMENTS, AND CHANGES IN CASH BALANCES Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2001

(Continued)

General Fund Type			Spe	ecial Rever	nue Fu	and Type			 Capital Projects Fund Type
Local vernment									Public roperties
conomic ssistance			F	IB 577	Po	or Farm]	Federal Grant	orporation nstruction
 Fund	91	11 Fund		Fund		Fund		Fund	 Fund
\$ 32,863	\$	3,773	\$	29,398	\$	1,721	\$	123,704	\$
									13,261
\$ 32,863	\$	3,773	\$	29,398	\$	1,721	\$	123,704	\$ 13,261
\$ 15,872	\$	6,885	\$		\$	38	\$	123,704	\$
									357,757
									129,739
\$ 15,872	\$	6,885	\$	0	\$	38	\$	123,704	\$ 487,496
\$ 16,991 99,144	\$	(3,112) 66,571	\$	29,398	\$	1,683 33,054	\$	0	\$ (474,235) 474,235
\$ 116,135	\$	63,459	\$	29,398	\$	34,737	\$	0	\$ 0

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

LYON COUNTY STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, CASH DISBURSEMENTS, AND CHANGES IN CASH BALANCES

Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2001 (Continued)

(Continued)				
		Debt		
		Service		
		Fund		
		Туре		
	Public			
	P	roperties		
	Co	orporation		
	De	bt Service		
Cash Receipts		Fund		
				
Schedule of Operating Revenue	\$			
Transfers In		112,736		
Kentucky Advance Revenue Program		•		
Public Properties Corporation:				
Construction Fund Interest				
Debt Service Fund Interest		17.724		
		17,734		
Debt Service Fund - Administrative				
Office of Courts Lease Payment		248,713		
Total Cook Descints	\$	270 192		
Total Cash Receipts	Ф	379,183		
Cash Disbursements				
<u>Cash Disoursements</u>				
Comparative Schedule of Final Budget				
and Budgeted Expenditures	\$			
-	Ψ			
Public Properties Corporation				
Construction Costs				
Bond Principal Payment		386,325		
Transfers Out				
Capital Lease				
Principal Paid				
Kentucky Advance Revenue Program				
Repaid				
rtepuid				
Total Cash Disbursements	\$	386,325		
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Excess (Deficiency) of Cash Receipts				
Over (Under) Cash Disbursements	\$	(7,142)		
Cash Balance - July 1, 2000	7	408,241		
Cash Bannet July 1, 2000		100,271		
Cash Balance - June 30, 2001	\$	401,099		
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The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

LYON COUNTY NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

June 30, 2001

Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

A. Reporting Entity

The financial statements of Lyon County include the funds, agencies, boards, and entities for which the fiscal court is financially accountable. Financial accountability, as defined by Section 2100 of the GASB Codification of Governmental Accounting and Financial Reporting Standards, as amended by GASB 14, was determined on the basis of the government's ability to significantly influence operations, select the governing authority, participate in fiscal management and the scope of public service. Based upon the criteria stated in GASB 14, management has included the Lyon County Public Properties Corporation as part of the reporting entity.

Lyon County Public Properties Corporation

The fiscal court appoints a voting majority of the Public Properties Corporation's governing board and has the ability to impose its will on the governing board. In addition, the fiscal court is financially accountable and legally obligated for the debt of the Public Properties Corporation. Financial information for the Public Properties Corporation is blended within Lyon County's financial statements.

Additional Lyon County Constitutional Elected Officials

- Circuit Court Clerk
- County Attorney
- County Clerk
- County Sheriff
- Property Valuation Administrator

The Kentucky constitution provides for election of the above officials from the geographic area constituting Lyon County. Pursuant to state statute, these officials perform various services for the Commonwealth of Kentucky, its judicial courts, the fiscal court, various cities and special districts within the county, and the board of education. In exercising these responsibilities, however, they are required to comply with state laws. Audits of their financial statements are issued separately and individually and can be obtained from their respective administrative offices.

B. Fund Accounting

Fund accounting is designed to demonstrate legal compliance and to aid financial management by segregating transactions related to certain government functions or activities. The government uses funds to report on its financial position and the results of its operations. A fund is a separate accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts. Lyon County Fiscal Court's Fund Types, a definition of each, and county funds included within each fund type are listed on the next page.

Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

B. Fund Accounting (Continued)

1) General Fund Type

General Fund Type accounts for all financial resources except those required to be accounted for in another fund type. The Lyon County General Fund Type includes the following county funds: General Fund, Road and Bridge Fund, Jail Fund, and Local Government Economic Assistance Fund.

2) Special Revenue Fund Type

Special Revenue Fund Type accounts for the proceeds of specific revenue sources that are legally restricted to expenditures for the specified purpose. The 911 Fund, HB577 Fund, Poor Farm Fund and the Federal Grant Fund of the Fiscal Court are reported as Special Revenue Fund Types.

3) Debt Service Fund Type

Debt Service Fund Type accounts for the accumulation of resources for the payment of general long-term debt principal and interest and includes funds for the Public Properties Corporation Debt Service Fund.

4) Capital Projects Fund Type

Capital Projects Fund Type accounts for financial resources to be used for acquisition of major capital facilities. The Public Properties Corporation Construction Fund of the Fiscal Court is reported as a Capital Projects Fund Type.

C. Basis of Accounting

For all fund types, the county utilizes a modified cash basis of accounting, which is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Under this basis of accounting, assets, liabilities, and related revenues and expenditures are recorded when they result from cash transactions, with a few exceptions. This modified cash basis recognizes revenues when received, except for the recording of long-term receivables and deferred revenue. Expenditures are recognized when paid, except for the recording of long-term obligations and amounts to be provided in future years.

D. Legal Compliance - Budget

The Lyon County budget is adopted on a cash basis of accounting and according to the laws of Kentucky as required by the State Local Finance Officer. The County Judge/Executive is required to submit estimated receipts and proposed expenditures to the fiscal court by May 1 of each year. The budget is prepared by fund, function, and activity and is required to be adopted by the fiscal court by July 1.

Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

D. <u>Legal Compliance - Budget</u> (Continued)

The fiscal court may change the original budget by transferring appropriations at the activity level; however, the fiscal court may not increase the total budget without approval by the State Local Finance Officer. Expenditures may not exceed budgeted appropriations at the activity level.

Formal budgets are not adopted for the Public Properties Corporation Debt Service Fund and the Public Properties Corporation Construction Fund because bond indentures and other relevant contractual provisions require specific payments to and from these funds annually. The Department for Local Government does not require these funds to be budgeted.

E. Cash and Investments

Cash includes amounts in bank accounts, and investments are stated at cost. Investments may include certificates of deposit on the financial statements; however, for the purpose of disclosing credit risk (Note 3), investments exclude certificates of deposit.

KRS 66.480 authorizes the county to invest in the following, including but not limited to, obligations of the United States and of its agencies and instrumentalities, obligations and contracts for future delivery or purchase of obligations backed by the full faith and credit of the United States, obligations of any corporation of the United States government, bonds or certificates of indebtedness of this state, and certificates of deposit issued by or other interest-bearing accounts of any bank or savings and loan institution which are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) or which are collateralized, to the extent uninsured, by any obligation permitted by KRS 41.240(4).

F. Joint Ventures

A legal entity or other organization that results from a contractual agreement and that is owned, operated, or governed by two or more participants as a separate activity subject to joint control, in which the participants retain (a) an ongoing financial interest or (b) an ongoing financial responsibility is a joint venture.

The Lyon County Joint-Tourism Commission is a joint venture of Lyon County, the City of Kuttawa, and the City of Eddyville. Lyon County Joint-Tourism Commission was created to promote tourism in Lyon County.

The Lyon County Planning and Zoning Commission is a joint venture of Lyon County, the City of Kuttawa, and the City of Eddyville. The Planning and Zoning Commission was created to facilitate consistency of planning and zoning laws within Lyon County.

Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

F. <u>Joint Ventures</u> (Continued)

The Lyon County Port Authority is a joint venture of Lyon County, the City of Kuttawa, and the City of Eddyville. The Lyon County Port Authority was created to promote economic development within Lyon County.

The North Pennyrile E-911 Fund is a joint venture of the Kentucky State Police and Lyon, Caldwell, Crittenden, Livingston, and Union Counties. This fund was created to distribute E-911 taxes collected on phone services for the aforementioned counties and Kentucky State Police and to pay related E-911 expenses.

Note 2. Employee Retirement System

The county has elected to participate in the County Employees Retirement System (CERS), pursuant to KRS 78.530 administered by the Board of Trustees of the Kentucky Retirement Systems. This is a multiple-employer public retirement system, which covers all eligible full-time employees. Benefit contributions and provisions are established by statute. Nonhazardous covered employees are required to contribute 5 percent of their salary to the plan. The county's contribution rate for nonhazardous employees was 7.17 percent.

Benefits fully vest on reaching five years of service for nonhazardous employees. Aspects of benefits for nonhazardous employees include retirement after 27 years of service or age 65.

Historical trend information showing the CERS' progress in accumulating sufficient assets to pay benefits when due is present in the Kentucky Retirement Systems' annual financial report.

Note 3. Deposits

A. Deposits

The county maintained deposits of public funds with depository institutions insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC). According to KRS 66.480(1)(d) and KRS 41.240(4), the depository institution should pledge or provide sufficient collateral which, together with FDIC insurance, equals or exceeds the amount of public funds on deposit at all times. In order to be valid against the FDIC in the event of failure or insolvency of the depository institution, this pledge or provision of collateral should be evidenced by an agreement between the county and the depository institution, signed by both parties, that is (a) in writing, (b) approved by the board of directors of the depository institution or its loan committee, which approval must be reflected in the minutes of the board or committee, and (c) an official record of the depository institution. These requirements were met, and as of June 30, 2001, the county's deposits were fully insured or collateralized at a 100% level with collateral of either pledged securities held by the county's agent in the county's name, or provided surety bond which named the county as beneficiary/obligee on the bond.

Note 4. Lease-Purchase Agreements

The county has entered into the following lease-purchase agreements:

Liabilities of the General Fund are:

Description	Purchase Date	Maturity Date	Interest Rate	 Amount
Mobile Office Unit	5/20/1997	5/20/2002	5.67%	\$ 8,600
Sheriff Vehicles	5/20/1999	5/20/2002	4.57%	7,600
Sheriff Vehicles	7/7/2000	7/20/2003	4.75%	15,011

Note 5. Long-Term Debt

A. Public Properties Corporation First Mortgage Revenue Bonds

The Lyon County Public Properties Corporation issued First Mortgage Revenue Bonds (Courthouse Annex Project) Series 1999 for funding of construction of a new Annex facility. Interest varies from 3.75% to 5.0% and is payable for 22 years. The Lyon County Public Properties Corporation has leased the building to the Commonwealth of Kentucky, Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC), and AOC is providing the debt service payments as prescribed in the aforementioned lease. The principal balance as of June 30, 2001 is \$5,025,000. Payments of principal and interest are as follows:

Due Date	Interest	 Principal
2001-2002	\$ 225,590	\$ 165,000
2002-2003	219,403	170,000
2003-2004	212,942	175,000
2004-2005	206,118	185,000
2005-2006	198,718	190,000
2006-2011	871,293	1,080,000
2011-2016	618,500	1,345,000
2016-2021	 249,125	1,715,000
Totals	\$ 2,801,689	\$ 5,025,000

Note 5. Long-Term Debt (Continued)

B. Courthouse Project-Capital Lease

The Lyon Fiscal Court and the Lyon County Public Properties Corporation entered into a capital lease agreement with the Kentucky Area Development District on October 14, 1999 for funding for the completion of a courthouse project. Interest is payable at an average rate of 6.07% for 25 years. The debt service payments related to this project are being made by the Administrative Office of the Courts. The principal balance as of June 30, 2001 is \$875,000. Payments of principal and interest are as follows:

Due Date	 Interest	Principal	
2001-2002	\$ 53,480	\$	5,000
2002-2003	53,205		5,000
2003-2004	52,930		5,000
2004-2005	52,655		5,000
2005-2006	52,380		5,000
2006-2011	257,775		25,000
2011-2016	250,638	25,000	
2016-2021	243,325	205,000	
2021-2024	 75,005		595,000
Totals	\$ 1,091,393	\$	875,000

C. Road Construction Capital Lease

The Lyon County Fiscal Court entered into a capital lease agreement with the Kentucky Area Development District on August 6, 1998 for funding of road construction in the amount of \$1,405,000. Interest is payable at a rate of 4.83% for 10 years to Fifth Third Bank. The principal balance as of June 30, 2001 is \$1,040,000. Payments of principal and interest are as follows:

Due Date		Interest	Principal		
2001-2002	\$	50,180	\$	130,000	
2002-2003		44,200		130,000	
2003-2004		38,220		140,000	
2004-2005		31,360		150,000	
2005-2006		24,010	155,000		
2006-2008		24,745		335,000	
	<u> </u>				
Totals	\$	212,715	\$	1,040,000	

Note 5. Long-Term Debt (Continued)

D. Waterlines Capital Lease

The Lyon County Fiscal Court entered into a capital lease agreement with the Kentucky Association of Counties Leasing Trust on December 16, 1991 for funding of waterlines for the Lyon County Water District in the amount of \$130,000 for 25 years.

The Lyon County Fiscal Court refinanced this capital lease agreement on May 7, 2001. The amount refinanced was \$98,000. The interest is payable at a rate of 4.45% for 15 years. The principal balance as of June 30, 2001 is \$98,000. Payments of principal and interest are as follows:

Due Date	 Interest		Principal
2001-2002	\$ 4,922	\$	5,000
2002-2003	4,665		5,000
2003-2004	4,409		5,000
2004-2005	4,131		6,000
2005-2006	3,823		6,000
2006-2011	14,402		32,000
2011-2016	5,273		39,000
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Totals	\$ 41,625	\$	98,000

Note 6. Insurance

For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2001, Lyon County was a member of the Kentucky Association of Counties' All Lines Fund (KALF). KALF is a self-insurance fund and was organized to obtain lower cost coverage for general liability, property damage, public officials' errors and omissions, public liability, and other damages. The basic nature of a self-insurance program is that of a collectively shared risk by its members. If losses incurred for covered claims exceed the resources contributed by the members, the members are responsible for payment of the excess losses.



COMPARATIVE SCHEDULE OF BUDGETED TO ACTUAL OPERATING REVENUE

LYON COUNTY COMPARATIVE SCHEDULE OF BUDGETED TO ACTUAL OPERATING REVENUE

Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2001

Budgeted Funds	(Budgeted Operating Revenue	Actual Operating Revenue	 Over (Under) Budget
General Fund Type				
General Fund Road and Bridge Fund Jail Fund Local Government Economic Assistance Fund	\$	1,287,798 593,222 59,291 28,073	\$ 1,203,497 614,188 61,778 32,863	\$ (84,301) 20,966 2,487 4,790
Special Revenue Fund Type				
Federal Grant Fund 911 Fund Poor Farm Fund HB 577 Fund		500,000 77,000 1,200 18,000	123,704 3,773 1,721 29,398	 (376,296) (73,227) 521 11,398
Totals	\$	2,564,584	\$ 2,070,922	\$ (493,662)
Reconciliation				
Total Budgeted Operating Revenue Above Add: Other Financing Sources: Add: Budgeted Prior Year Surplus Less: Other Financing Uses				\$ 2,564,584 423,000 291,000 (439,000)
Total Operating Budget Per Comparative Schedule Of Final Budget and Budgeted Expenditures				\$ 2,839,584



SCHEDULE OF OPERATING REVENUE

LYON COUNTY SCHEDULE OF OPERATING REVENUE

Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2001

GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPE

Revenue Categories	Totals (Memorandum Only)		(Memorandum Genera		R	Special Levenue and Type
Taxes	\$	447,913	\$	447,913	\$	
In Lieu Tax Payments		159,449		159,449		
Licenses and Permits		8,010		8,010		
Intergovernmental Revenues		1,320,295		1,167,550		152,745
Charges for Services		33,434		33,434		
Miscellaneous Revenues		30,038		30,038		
Interest Earned		71,783		65,932		5,851
Total Operating Revenue	\$	2,070,922	\$	1,912,326	\$	158,596



COMPARATIVE SCHEDULE OF FINAL BUDGET AND BUDGETED EXPENDITURES

LYON COUNTY COMPARATIVE SCHEDULE OF FINAL BUDGET AND BUDGETED EXPENDITURES

Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2001

	GENERAL FUND TYPE					
Expenditure Categories		Final Budget		Budgeted penditures		Under (Over) Budget
General Government	\$	687,593	\$	674,896	\$	12,697
Protection to Persons and Property	Φ	169,057	φ	147,920	Ф	21,137
General Health and Sanitation		279,893		78,015		201,878
Social Services		25,500		14,438		11,062
Recreation and Culture		97,341		94,707		2,634
Roads		542,968		432,398		110,570
Debt Service		2,000		9,515		(7,515)
Administration		· ·		•		
Administration		439,032		275,130		163,902
Total Operating Rudget All Congrel						
Total Operating Budget - All General	\$	2 242 294	\$	1,727,019	\$	516 265
Fund Types	Ф	2,243,384	Ф	1,727,019	Ф	516,365
Other Financing Uses:						
Borrowed Money-						
Kentucky Advanced Revenue						
Program - Principal		423,000		423,000		
Capital Lease Agreement-		423,000		423,000		
Principal on Lease		4,000		4,000		
Capital Lease Agreement-		4,000		4,000		
Principal on Lease		12,000		12,000		
Time paron Lease		12,000		12,000		
TOTAL BUDGET - ALL GENERAL						
FUND TYPES	\$	2,682,384	\$	2,166,019	\$	516,365
	<u> </u>	2,002,301	<u>Ψ</u>	2,100,017	Ψ	210,303
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		Final	I	Budgeted		(Over)
Expenditure Categories		Budget		penditures		Budget
		<u>U</u>				<u>U</u>
General Government	\$	18,000	\$		\$	18,000
Protection to Persons and Property		77,000		6,885	•	70,115
Social Services		501,200		123,742		377,458
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TOTAL BUDGET - SPECIAL REVENUE						
FUND TYPE	\$	596,200	\$	130,627	\$	465,573



REPORT ON COMPLIANCE AND ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS



EDWARD B. HATCHETT, JR. AUDITOR OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

To the People of Kentucky
Honorable Paul E. Patton, Governor
T. Kevin Flanery, Secretary
Finance and Administration Cabinet
Dana Mayton, Secretary, Revenue Cabinet
Honorable James D. Lee, Lyon County Judge/Executive
Members of the Lyon County Fiscal Court

Report On Compliance And On Internal Control Over Financial Reporting Based On An Audit Of Financial Statements Performed In Accordance With Government Auditing Standards

We have audited the financial statements of Lyon County, Kentucky, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2001, and have issued our report thereon dated March 28, 2002. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in <u>Government Auditing Standards</u> issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

Compliance

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Lyon County's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grants, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit and, accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance that are required to be reported under Government Auditing Standards.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered Lyon County's internal control over financial reporting in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements and not to provide assurance on the internal control over financial reporting. Our consideration of the internal control over financial reporting would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control over financial reporting that might be material weaknesses. A material weakness is a condition in which the design or operation of one or more of the internal control components does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that misstatements in amounts that would be material in relation to the financial statements being audited may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. We noted no matters involving the internal control over financial reporting and its operation that we consider to be material weaknesses.

Report On Compliance And On Internal Control Over Financial Reporting Based On An Audit Of Financial Statements Performed In Accordance With Government Auditing Standards (Continued)

This report is intended solely for the information and use of management and is not intended to be, and should not be, used by anyone other than the specified party.

Respectfully submitted,

Edward B. Hatchett, Jr. Auditor of Public Accounts

Audit fieldwork completed - March 28, 2002

CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE - LOCAL GOVERNMENT ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

LYON COUNTY FISCAL COURT

Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2001

CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

LYON COUNTY FISCAL COURT

Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2001

The Lyon County Fiscal Court hereby certifies that assistance received from the Local Government Assistance Program was expended for the purpose intended as dictated by the applicable Kentucky Revised Statutes.

Name

County Judge/Executive

Name

County Treasurer

LYON COUNTY WATER DISTRICT FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2001 AND 2000 AND REPORT OF CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

LYON COUNTY WATER DISTRICT

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2001 and 2000

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REPORT OF CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

LYON COUNTY WATER DISTRICT FINANCIAL STATEMENTS Years Ended December 31, 2001 and 2000

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Members of the Commission Lyon County Water District

We have audited the accompanying balance sheets - statutory basis of Lyon County Water District as of December 31, 2001 and 2000, and the related statements of revenue and expenses - statutory basis and changes in fund equity - statutory basis for the years then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the District's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

As described in Note 1, these financial statements were prepared in conformity with the accounting practices prescribed by the Public Service Commission of Kentucky, which is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than generally accepted accounting principles. Accordingly, a statement of cash flows is not required to be included in the financial statements.

In our opinion, because of the District's policy to prepare its financial statements on the basis of accounting discussed in the preceding paragraph, the financial statements referred to in the first paragraph do not present fairly, in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles, the financial position of Lyon County Water District as of December 31, 2001 and 2001, or the results of its operations for the years then ended.

However, in our opinion, the financial statements referred to in the first paragraph present fairly, in all material respects, the assets, liabilities, and fund equity of Lyon County Water District as of December 31, 2001 and 2000, and its revenue, and expenses, and the changes in its retained earnings for the years then ended, on the basis of accounting described in Note 1.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued a report dated February 15, 2002 on our consideration of Lyon County Water District's internal control over financial reporting and our test of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grants. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* and should be read in conjunction with this report in considering the results of our audit

Thurnan Campbell & Co.

February 15, 2002

LYON COUNTY WATER DISTRICT BALANCE SHEETS - STATUTORY BASIS December 31, 2001 and 2000

<u>ASSETS</u>	2001	2000		
Utility plant Less accumulated depreciation	\$ 5,245,196 1,463,910	\$ 5,230,657 1,314,251		
	3,781,286	3,916,406		
Restricted assets:				
Reserve fund	162,500	150,412		
Interest receivable, reserve fund	6,403	5,927		
Cash	120,388	130,406		
	289,291	286,745		
Current assets:				
Cash	177,473	116,375		
Accounts receivable:				
Trade	36,002	34,949		
Inventory	22,831	14,135		
Prepaid expenses	2,875	2,801		
Total current assets	239,181	168,260		
Other assets:		•		
Deposits	560	560		
Unamortized debt expense	24,026	24,862		
	24,586	25,422		
	\$ 4,334,344	\$ 4,396,833		

FUND EQUITY AND LIABILITIES		2001		2000
Fund equity: Grants in aid of construction Contributions from customers Retained earnings (deficit)	\$	1,719,000 1,311,146 (565,383)	\$	1,719,000 1,273,820 (550,353)
Total fund equity		2,464,763		2,442,467
Long-term debt, less current maturities		1,755,481	-	1,788,491
Current liabilities: Current maturities of long-term debt		15,000		32,102
Note payable Accounts payable: Trade		24,287 26,328		24,287 40,142
Withholdings and related Accrued expenses:		228	,	0
Taxes Interest		1,401 46,856	· .	1,359 67,985
Total current liabilities		114,100	· · ·	165,875
	\$	4,334,344	\$	4,396,833

LYON COUNTY WATER DISTRICT STATEMENTS OF REVENUES AND EXPENSES - STATUTORY BASIS Years Ended December 31, 2001 and 2000

		2001	2000	
Water sales, net of refunds	\$	575,961	\$	559,504
Operating expenses		373,509		331,672
Taxes other than income		2,948		0
Total operating expenses before				
depreciation and amortization	. —	376,457		331,672
Operating income before depreciation				
and amortization		199,504		227,832
Less depreciation and amortization		150,495	· .	148,003
Operating income		49,009		79,829
Add non-operating income:				
Interest income		21,963		17,220
Miscellaneous receipts		3,175		0
Total operating and non-operating income		74,147		97,049
Less non-operating expenses:				
Interest expense		89,177		93,295
Net (loss) income	\$	(15,030)	\$	3,754

LYON COUNTY WATER DISTRICT STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN FUND EQUITY - STATUTORY BASIS Years Ended December 31, 2001 and 2000

	Grants In Aid of Construction		Contributions From Customers		Retained Earnings (Deficit)	
Balance - January 1, 2000	\$	1,719,000	\$	1,226,484	\$	(554,107)
Customer tap-ons and line extension charges				47,336		
Net income						3,754
Balance December 31, 2000		1,719,000		1,273,820		(550,353)
Customer tap-ons and line extension charges				37,326		
Net loss						(15,030)
Balance December 31, 2001	\$	1,719,000	\$	1,311,146	\$	(565,383)

1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Activity - The Lyon County Water District is a county water district supported by funds derived from the sale of water and is operated by a District Board. The District is authorized under Kentucky Revised Statutes and constitutes a governmental subdivision of the Commonwealth of Kentucky. The District is located in Kuttawa, Kentucky and primarily serves the Lyon County Kentucky area.

Principles determining scope of reporting entity - The District's financial report includes only the funds of the District. The District has no oversight responsibility for any other governmental entity and is not included in any other governmental "reporting entity" as defined by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board pronouncement. The District's Board members are appointed by the County Judge Executive, a publicity elected official, and they have decision making authority, the authority to set rates, the power to designated management, the ability to significantly influence operations and primary accountability for fiscal matters.

Basis of accounting - The accompanying financial statements have been prepared on the basis of accounting in accordance with the provision of the Public Service Commission of Kentucky. Such basis differs from generally accepted accounting principles in that customer connection fees and grants are reported as contributed capital rather than revenue and the related costs of providing such connections have been capitalized as depreciable assets.

Income from sales of water is recognized when billed to consumers. All consumers are billed on a cyclical billing basis which results in unbilled water sales at the end of the fiscal year. This billing method is used by most water districts.

Costs of water purchases are recognized when billed by the supplier. These billings are for water used through the middle of the month, which results in unrecorded water costs for the remaining days of December.

Accounts receivable - The direct write-off method was used for recording uncollectible accounts. No allowance for uncollectible accounts was deemed to be needed. The District grants credit to customers, substantially all of whom are residents of Lyon County.

Materials and supplies – Inventories consist of materials and supplies and are stated at the lower of cost or market. Cost is determined by the first-in, first-out method.

Utility plant - The utility plant is carried at cost. Depreciation is computed using the straight-line method. When assets are retired or otherwise disposed of, the cost and related accumulated depreciation are removed from the accounts, and any resulting gain or loss is recognized in income for the period. The cost of maintenance and repairs is charged to income as incurred; significant betterments are capitalized. Contributions from customers for the purpose of purchasing service connections to the utility plant are recorded as equity contributions when they are received. Depreciation on contributed assets is recorded as an expense in the statement of revenue and expense.

Intangible assets - Financing and bond issue costs are being amortized over the life of the debt on the straight-line basis.

Use of estimates - The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Taxes on income - The Lyon County Water District is exempt from paying income taxes under Section 115 of the Internal Revenue Code.

2 CASH

Separate and special bank accounts were established by the Water Revenue Bonds - Series of 1995 bond ordinance dated October 3, 1995.

Revenue fund - All income and revenues derived from the operation of the system shall be deposited promptly and as received to the Lyon County Water District Water Revenue Fund. The monies deposited into the Revenue Fund shall be expended only in the manner and order as follows:

- (1) Lyon County Water District KIA Loan Repayment Fund
- (2) Lyon County Water Revenue Bond and Interest Sinking Fund of 1995
- (3) Depreciation Reserve Fund
- (4) Lyon County Loan Fund
- (5) Operation and Maintenance Fund.

Lyon County Water District KIA Loan Repayment Fund - The KIA Loan Fund was established for the purpose of paying the principal and interest on the Kentucky Infrastructure Authority note. The ordinance requires that the amount deposited each month equals one-sixth of the next succeeding interest requirement of the next succeeding interest due date and one-twelfth of the principal requirements becoming due on the note on the next succeeding January 1. At December 31, 2001 the balance of the KIA Loan Fund was \$21,525.

Lyon County Water Revenue Bond and Interest Sinking Fund of 1995 - The sinking fund was established for the purpose of paying the principal and interest on the Water Revenue Bonds - Series of 1995. The ordinance requires that the amount deposited each month equals one-sixth of the next succeeding interest requirement of the next succeeding interest due date and one-twelfth of the principal requirements becoming due on the note on the next succeeding January 1. At December 31, 2001 the balance of the Sinking Fund was \$58,140.

Depreciation Reserve - The ordinance requires Lyon County Water District to make monthly contributions to this fund after observing the priority of deposits into the KIA Loan Fund and the Sinking Fund. The funds in the Depreciation Fund can be expended for the purpose of paying the cost of unusual or extra-ordinary maintenance, repairs, renewals or replacements, and the cost of constructing additions and improvements to the system. Under the ordinance the District is to make \$510 monthly deposits until a required minimum balance of \$61,200 is met. At December 31, 2001 the balance of the Depreciation Reserve Fund was \$33,149, which equals the required December 31, 2001 balance.

Lyon County Loan Fund - This account shall be maintained and monthly transfers shall be made from the revenue fund in amounts sufficient to amortize the county loan. At December 31, 2001 the balance of the Lyon County Loan Fund was \$7,574.

The above accounts, totaling \$120,388, are reported as restricted cash at December 31, 2001.

Operations and Maintenance Fund - Transfers shall be made monthly from the Revenue Fund to the Operations and Maintenance Fund so that the various operation and maintenance expenses of such system are met and a two (2) month operating reserve established and maintained. Any funds remaining in such Operation and Maintenance Fund after meeting the expenses of operating such system shall be transferred to the Revenue Fund and disbursed in accordance with the above provisions until such time as the Sinking Fund and Depreciation Fund are current and the required balances established; and then excess funds may be invested in direct obligations of or obligations which are fully guaranteed by the United State Government with such maturities so that moneys shall be available in the respective Funds for the purposes for which same are established.

Deposits - As of December 31, 2001, the carrying amount of the District's deposits was \$297,861 and the bank balance was \$299,624. Of these amounts \$100,000 was covered by federal depository insurance. The remainder of the bank balances are collateralized by securities held by the pledging financial institutions.

3 RESERVE FUND

At December 31, 2001, the District has on deposit \$162,500 with Kentucky Infrastructure Authority. The funds on deposit are earning current market interest rates. The fund was established by a loan agreement dated January 1, 1989 for the purpose of providing balloon payments of principal and interest as follows:

January 1, 2012	\$ 96,546	
January 1, 2015	339,623	
	\$	436,169

Accrued interest receivable was \$6,403 and \$5,947 at December 31, 2001 and 2000, respectively.

4 UTILITY PLANT

The utility plant consist of the follows:

	Balance January 1, 2001	Additions (Eliminations)	Balance December 31, 2001	Estimated Useful Lives
Land Building Water distribution system Lake Barkley line Water tank Equipment	\$ 21,190 64,199 4,532,808 149,765 358,440 104,255 \$ 5,230,657	\$ 14,539 \$ 14,539	\$ 21,190 64,199 4,547,347 149,765 358,440 104,255 \$ 5,245,196	40 years 30 years 10 years 5 - 10 years

Depreciation charged to income was \$149,659 and \$147,167 at December 31, 2001 and 2000, respectively.

5 LONG-TERM DEBT

The District's long-term debt at December 31, 2001 consisted of the following:

Note payable to Kentucky Infrastructure Authority, bearing interest at 3.75 to 5.375 percent, due January 1, 2015. Interest due semi-annually on January 1 and July 1 and principal due annually on January 1.

\$ 714,481

Note payable to Kentucky Association of Counties Leasing Trust, bearing interest at 6.31 percent, before Commonwealth of Kentucky offset producing an effective rate of 5.31 percent, due January 1, 2016. Interest due monthly and principal due annually on January 1.

98,000

Rural Economic Development. Water Revenue Bond -Series 1995 bearing interest at 4.875 percent due January 1, 2035. Interest due semi-annually on January 1 and July 1 and principal due annually on January 1.

958,000

1,770,481

Less current portion

(15,000)

\$ 1,755,481

Maturities for the next five years are as follows:

2002 \$ 15,000 2003 35,037 2004 37,995 2005 37,784 2006 40,857 Thereafter 1,603,808

\$ 1,770,481

An ordinance of the Board of Commission, adopted on October 3, 1995, the District authorized and thereafter issued its \$996,000 "Water Revenue Bonds, Series 1995" for the purpose of providing funds for the installation of major extensions and additions to the system. All bonds of this issue maturing on or after January 1, 1999 shall be subject to redemption or prepayment at the option of the District prior to maturity in whole, or from time to time, in part, in the inverse order at par plus accrued interest provided that Rural Economic Development is holder of the bonds.

The bonds referred to above mature as to principal in installments on January 1, in each of the years and shall bear interest from their issue dates until payment of principal. Interest is payable semiannually on June 1 and January 1, of each year as established by the ordinance.

All the Revenue Bonds are payable solely from, and secured by, a first pledge of the water revenues. So long as any of the bonds are outstanding and unpaid, the District shall continuously be maintained and operated in good condition. Rates and charges for services rendered will be imposed and collected so that gross revenues will be sufficient at all times, to provide for the payment of the operation and maintenance of the water plant, and to maintain the Depreciation and Sinking Funds described in Note 2.

If there is any default in the payment of the principal or interest an any of the outstanding bonds, and suit is filed by a holder of said bond, and court having jurisdiction may appoint a receiver to administer the District with the power to charge and collect rates. These collected rates shall be sufficient to provide for the payment of the outstanding bonds, and the operating and maintenance expenses. The income and revenues shall be in conformity with the bond resolution, and the provisions of the applicable laws of Kentucky.

The bond covenants require that the rates for all utility services rendered by the District must be reasonable. The District must maintain adequate public liability insurance including fire, windstorm, fidelity bonds, and the hazards covered by a standard extended coverage policy.

A summary of changes in long-term debt is as follows:

	.	Balance January 1, 2001	 Proceeds		Re	payments	De	Balance ecember 31, 2001
KY Infrastructure Authority	\$	750,593	\$	0	\$	36,112	\$	714,481
KY Association of Counties		102,000 [.]				4,000		98,000
Rural Economic Development		968,000	 			10,000		958,000
	\$	1,820,593	\$ 	0	\$	50,112	\$	1,770,481

6 CONTRACT FOR WATER SUPPLY

The District entered into contracts with the City of Eddyville, the City of Kuttawa, and the City of Princeton, Kentucky, which states that the Cities will provide water to the District.

The District has contracted with the City of Princeton, Kentucky to acquire water at the City's normal rates.

7 COMMERCIAL INSURANCE

It is the policy of the District to purchase commercial insurance for the risks of losses to which it is exposed. These risks include general liability and fidelity bond coverage. Settled claims have not exceeded this commercial coverage in any of the past three fiscal years.

8 INTEREST EXPENSE

The District incurred net interest cost during the year of \$89,177, which has been recognized as a current operating expense.

9 CONTINGENCIES

The District participates in federal and state assisted grant programs for construction of water lines. These programs are subject to review by grantors or their representatives. As of December 31, 2001, there has been no material questioned or disallowed costs as a result of grant audits. As construction is completed, amounts due from grant funds are recognized and are recorded as contributed capital.

Under the terms of the bond ordinance authorizing the issuance of the "Water Revenue Bonds - Series 1995" the District is required to meet certain debt covenants. Those covenants are described in detail in Notes 2 and 5.

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This report is intended solely for the information of the Members of the Commission of the Lyon County Water District, and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties. However, this report is a matter of public record and its distribution is not limited.

Thurman Carapbell & Co.

February 15, 2002